

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-18 and 24-28 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein. Applicant provides the pending claims below:

1-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) A method for producing a tool, the tool for creating a mandrel for forming elliptically-shaped lens elements of a lenticular lens array, comprising the steps of:

 providing a base member having a radius b corresponding to a minor axis of an elliptical shape, the elliptical shape corresponding to a desired elliptical shape for each lens element of the lenticular lens array; and

 cutting the base member along a plane that forms an angle k with the minor axis of the desired elliptical shape,

 wherein the elliptical shape comprises a major axis perpendicular to the minor axis,

 wherein a vertex of the desired elliptical shape lies at a point a along the major axis, and

 wherein the angle k is given by the formula $\cosine(k) = b/a$.

20. (Original) The method according to Claim 19, wherein the base member comprises a cylindrical shape.

21. (Original) The method according to Claim 19, wherein the base member comprises diamond.

22. (Original) The method according to Claim 19, wherein the radius b and the point a are adjusted from the desired elliptical shape to compensate for a protective surface that will be placed on the mandrel after being created by the tool.

23. (Original) The method according to Claim 19, wherein the base member comprises a cone shape.

24-28. (Canceled)

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